

## Holiness And Godliness

"Dirty Words", Part 8 of 10  
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"I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy."  
(Leviticus 11:45, NIV)

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"  
(1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV)

"God's will is for you to be holy..."  
(1 Thessalonians 4:3, NLT)

### I) 3 POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO GOD'S IMPOSSIBLE DESIRE

#### 1) LIVE it up: "I can't measure up...why even try?"

"Eli's sons were wicked men; they had no regard for the Lord."  
(1 Samuel 2:12, NIV)

"Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. So he said to them, 'Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours.'"  
(1 Samuel 2:22-23, NIV)

#### 2) FAKE it up: "I can't let them see the real me!"

"Someone came to Jesus with this question: 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?' 'Why ask me about what is good?' Jesus replied. '**There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.**' 'Which ones?' the man asked. And Jesus replied: '**You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.**' 'I've obeyed all these commandments,' the young man replied. 'What else must I do?' Jesus told him, '**If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.**' But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions."  
(Matthew 19:16-22, NIV)

#### 3) GIVE it up: "I can't do this... God, help me!"

"The disciples were astounded. 'Then who in the world can be saved?' they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, '**Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.**'"  
(Matthew 19:25-26, NLT)

### II) PURSUING HOLINESS AND GODLINESS (WITHOUT BEING "HOLIER THAN THOU") *Just Be R.E.A.L.*

#### 1) R REMEMBER what it was like before Christ.

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world..."  
(Ephesians 2:1-2a, NIV)

#### 2) E EMBRACE the power of God.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."  
(2 Peter 1:3, NIV)

#### 3) A ALLOW others into your areas of unique vulnerability.

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."  
(Galatians 6:1-2, NIV)

#### 4) L LEAVE it all in your story.

"Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin – a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church..."  
(Philippians 3:4b-6a, NLT)

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